

REMARKS

Claims 2-8 and 11-14 are pending in this application. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance of claims 2-8 and 11-14. By this Amendment, to expedite prosecution of this matter, claims 1, 9, 10, and 15 have been canceled without prejudice. In light of the amendments and remarks set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

Claims 1 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,748,020 ("Eifrig"). The cancellation of these claims renders this rejection moot.

Claims 1 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,081,295 ("Adolf") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,287,182 ("Haskell"). Applicants' cancellation of these claims renders this rejection moot.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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